

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 11 and 14, cancel claim 13, and add new claims 22-35 as follows:

1. – 10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A sack suitable for use as a liner in a container, comprising:

a body having an open end;

first fastening means for fastening first and second drawn together substantially opposing portions of the body near the open end of the sack,

the first fastening means comprising:

a first length of material operatively associated with the first portion of the body near the open end of the sack; and

a second length of material operatively associated with the second portion of the body near the open end of the sack,

the first and second lengths of material being separate and distinct lengths of material discontinuous from one another; and

second fastening means for fastening third and fourth drawn together substantially opposing portions of the body near the open end of the sack,

the second fastening means comprising:

at least one button secured to an inside of the body of the sack;

at least one button secured to an outside of the body of the sack;

at least one button hole substantially opposite the at least one button secured to the inside of the body of the sack for fasteningly accommodating the at least one button secured to the inside of the body of the sack; and

at least one button hole substantially opposite the at least one button secured to the outside of the body of the sack for fasteningly accommodating the at least one button secured to the outside of the body of the sack, where the outside of the body of the sack includes a first pattern and the inside of the body of the sack includes a second pattern, the at least one button secured to the outside of the body of the sack corresponding to the first pattern and the at least one button secured to the inside of the body of the sack corresponding to the second pattern.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) The sack of claim 11, ~~wherein the first fastening means comprises:~~

~~a first length of material; and~~

~~a second length of material substantially opposite the first length of material across the open end of the sack~~ the first and second lengths of material configured to fasteningly engage one another at a location substantially centered over the end of the sack, regardless of whether the sack is in reversed or un-reversed configurations.

15. (Original) The sack of claim 14, wherein the first fastening means incorporates at least one grommet through which at least one of the first and second lengths of material can readily slide to facilitate operability of the first fastening means in reversed and un-reversed configurations.

16. (Previously Presented) The sack of claim 14, where the at least one button hole substantially opposite the at least one button secured to the inside of the

body of the sack and the at least one button hole substantially opposite the at least one button secured to the outside of the body of the sack may or may not correspond to the same at least one button hole(s).

17. – 20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously Presented) The sack of the claim 11,
the first and second portions substantially orthogonal to the third and fourth portions.

22. (New) The sack of claim 11, the at least one button secured to an inside of the body of the sack and the at least one button secured to an outside of the body of the sack engaging corresponding button hole(s) at a location substantially centered over the end of the sack, regardless of whether the sack is in reversed or unreversed configurations.

23. (New) The sack of claim 14, the at least one button secured to an inside of the body of the sack and the at least one button secured to an outside of the body of the sack engaging corresponding button hole(s) at a location substantially centered over the end of the sack, regardless of whether the sack is in reversed or unreversed configurations.

24. (New) A sack suitable for use as a liner in a container, comprising:
a body having an open end;
first fastening means for fastening first and second drawn together substantially opposing portions of the body near the open end of the sack,
the first fastening means comprising:
a first length of material operatively associated with the first portion of the body near the open end of the sack; and

a second length of material operatively associated with the second portion of the body near the open end of the sack,

the first and second lengths of material being separate and distinct lengths of material discontinuous from one another; and

second fastening means for fastening third and fourth drawn together substantially opposing portions of the body near the open end of the sack.

25. (New) The sack of claim 24, the first and second lengths of material configured to fasteningly engage one another at a location substantially centered over the end of the sack, regardless of whether the sack is in reversed or un-reversed configurations.

26. (New) The sack of claim 24, the second fastening means comprising:
a first component operatively associated with the third portion of the body near the open end of the sack; and

a second component operatively associated with the fourth portion of the body near the open end of the sack,

the first and second components configured to fasteningly engage one another at a location substantially centered over the end of the sack, regardless of whether the sack is in reversed or un-reversed configurations.

27. (New) The sack of claim 25, the second fastening means comprising:
a first component operatively associated with the third portion of the body near the open end of the sack; and

a second component operatively associated with the fourth portion of the body near the open end of the sack,

the first and second components configured to fasteningly engage one another at a location substantially centered over the end of the sack, regardless of whether the sack is in reversed or un-reversed configurations.

28. (New) The sack of claim 26, at least one of the first and second components comprising at least one of buttons, snaps, lengths of material, glue, tape or other adhesive type/based items, magnets, zippers, hook and latch arrangements, clasps, clips, elastic type bands, screws, bolts, post and bail systems, belts, buckles, staples, pins, padlocks, hasps, clamps, couplings, dowels, keepers, lugs, seams, rivets and belts.

29. (New) The sack of claim 27, at least one of the first and second components comprising at least one of buttons, snaps, lengths of material, glue, tape or other adhesive type/based items, magnets, zippers, hook and latch arrangements, clasps, clips, elastic type bands, screws, bolts, post and bail systems, belts, buckles, staples, pins, padlocks, hasps, clamps, couplings, dowels, keepers, lugs, seams, rivets and belts.

30. (New) The sack of claim 26,
the first component comprising:
at least one button secured to an inside of the body of
the sack; and
at least one button secured to an outside of the body
of the sack,
the second component comprising:
at least one button hole substantially opposite the at
least one button secured to the inside of the body of the sack for fasteningly
accommodating the at least one button secured to the inside of the body of the sack;
and
at least one button hole substantially opposite the at
least one button secured to the outside of the body of the sack for fasteningly
accommodating the at least one button secured to the outside of the body of the sack,

the at least one button hole substantially opposite the at least one button secured to the inside of the body of the sack and the at least one button hole substantially opposite the at least one button secured to the outside of the body of the sack may or may not correspond to the same at least one button hole(s).

31. (New) The sack of claim 30, the at least one button secured to an inside of the body of the sack and the at least one button secured to an outside of the body of the sack engaging corresponding button hole(s) at a location substantially centered over the end of the sack, regardless of whether the sack is in reversed or unreversed configurations.

32. (New) The sack of claim 31, the outside of the body of the sack including a first pattern and the inside of the body of the sack including a second pattern, the at least one button secured to the outside of the body of the sack corresponding to the first pattern and the at least one button secured to the inside of the body of the sack corresponding to the second pattern.

33. (New) The sack of claim 27,
the first component comprising:
at least one button secured to an inside of the body of the sack; and
at least one button secured to an outside of the body of the sack,
the second component comprising:
at least one button hole substantially opposite the at least one button secured to the inside of the body of the sack for fasteningly accommodating the at least one button secured to the inside of the body of the sack;
and

at least one button hole substantially opposite the at least one button secured to the outside of the body of the sack for fasteningly accommodating the at least one button secured to the outside of the body of the sack, the at least one button hole substantially opposite the at least one button secured to the inside of the body of the sack and the at least one button hole substantially opposite the at least one button secured to the outside of the body of the sack may or may not correspond to the same at least one button hole(s).

34. (New) The sack of claim 33, the at least one button secured to an inside of the body of the sack and the at least one button secured to an outside of the body of the sack engaging corresponding button hole(s) at a location substantially centered over the end of the sack, regardless of whether the sack is in reversed or unreversed configurations.

35. (New) The sack of claim 34, the outside of the body of the sack including a first pattern and the inside of the body of the sack including a second pattern, the at least one button secured to the outside of the body of the sack corresponding to the first pattern and the at least one button secured to the inside of the body of the sack corresponding to the second pattern.